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1. IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO A QUITO NEWSPAPER, ON THE OCCASION OF ECUADOREAN NAVY DAY, AND WHICH IS OFFICIAL IN ORIGIN (PAID FOR BY THE NAVY) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF THE ECUADOREAN LOS POSITION APPEARS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

THE ECUADOREAN THESIS"

THE ECUADOREAN THESIS WHICH WILL BE UPHELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA THAT WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA IN 1973 MAY BE EXPRESSED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

(1) THE SEA IS FREE FOR NAVIGATION AND EXPLOITATION IN THOSE AREAS KNOWN AS THE HIGH SEAS.

(2) THERE ARE MARINE AREAS WHICH ARE EXTENSIONS OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, WHERE THE DIFFERENT COASTAL NATIONS EXERCISE PREFERENTIAL CONTROL WITH REGARD TO THEIR USE AND EXPLOITATION.

(3) THEIR EXTENT AND THE LAWS GOVERNING THEIR EXPLOITATION SHOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE NEEDS OF COASTAL COUNTRIES FOR THEIR SURVIVAL, AS WELL AS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF THE OTHER NATIONS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR EXPLOITATION.

(4) THE ECUADOREAN STATE EXERCISES JURISDICTION OVER 200 MILES, AND THIS THESIS IS NOT NEGOTIABLE."
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3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS STATEMENT IS NOT ALL THAT CLEAR IT IS INTERESTING FOR ITS REFERENCE TO A TWO-ZONE APPROACH, TO PREFERENCE (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE USE) FOR COASTAL STATES IN THE MARINE AREAS WHICH ARE EXTENSIONS OF THE NATIONAL TERRITORY, " IN REGARD TO THEIR USE AND EXPLOITATION", ITS EMPHASIS ON THE RESOURCE ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM, AND FINALLY THE ASSERTION THAT THE GOE CLAIMS ONLY JURISDICTION RATHER THAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE 200 MILES. THIS LATTER STATEMENT IS, OF COURSE, INCONSISTENT WITH THAT OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ REPORTED IN REFTEL.
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